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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 529**

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend sections 23-150 and  
2 32-602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change  
3 residency requirements for nomination for county  
4 commissioners; to change provisions relating to filing  
5 for office; and to repeal the original sections.  
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1                   Section 1.    Section 23-150, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3                   23-150. (1) ~~The commissioners shall be registered voters~~  
4 ~~and residents of their respective districts.~~   Except as otherwise  
5 provided in subsection (2) of this section, a commissioner need not  
6 be a resident of the district when he or she files for election as  
7 a commissioner from a given district, but each commissioner shall  
8 reside in the district for which he or she is elected.

9                   (2) ~~Beginning in 1992, any~~ Any person seeking nomination  
10 or election to the county board of commissioners in a county having  
11 more than three hundred thousand inhabitants shall have resided  
12 within the district he or she seeks to represent for at least six  
13 months immediately prior to the date on which he or she is required  
14 to file as a candidate for such office.   No person shall be  
15 eligible to be appointed to the county board in such counties  
16 unless he or she has resided in the district he or she would  
17 represent for at least six months prior to assuming office.

18                  Sec. 2.    Section 32-602, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
19 Nebraska, is amended to read:

20                  32-602. (1) ~~Any~~ At the time of filing for office  
21 pursuant to section 32-606 or 32-611, a person seeking an elective  
22 office shall be a registered voter at the time of filing for the  
23 office pursuant to section 32-606 or 32-611 of (a) the jurisdiction  
24 he or she is seeking to represent or (b) if residency in such  
25 jurisdiction is not statutorily required at the time of filing for  
26 office, the State of Nebraska.

27                  (2)   Any person filing for office shall meet the  
28 constitutional and statutory requirements of the office for which

1 he or she is filing. If a person is filing for a partisan office,  
2 he or she shall be a registered voter affiliated with the  
3 appropriate political party if required pursuant to section 32-702.  
4 If the person is required to sign a contract or comply with a  
5 bonding requirement prior to holding such office, he or she shall  
6 be at least nineteen years of age at the time of filing for the  
7 office.

8 (3) The governing body of the political subdivision  
9 swearing in the officer shall determine whether the person meets  
10 all requirements prior to swearing in the officer.

11 Sec. 3. Original sections 23-150 and 32-602, Reissue  
12 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.